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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Scott Krabbe, a senior chemistry major from Kirkland, Ill., will present his work to members of Congress at the Posters on the Hill event in Washington, D.C., sponsored by the Council on Undergraduate Research.

Posters on the Hill is an annual event created to give students the opportunity to share their research with members of Congress, other policy makers, and representatives of federal funding agencies to show the importance of funding for undergraduate research programs. Approximately 60 students are selected to participate each year with more than 400 applying.

Krabbe has been conducting research in the Laboratory for Environmentally Friendly Organic Synthesis under Illinois Wesleyan Professor of Chemistry Ram Mohan since the spring of his sophomore year. His work under Professor Mohan focuses on the use of Bismuth (III) compounds as environmentally friendly catalysts for organic synthesis, geared toward discovering environmentally friendly synthetic methods for chemists to use. In addition, Krabbe conducted research at Boston University in the field of organic chemistry through The National Science Foundation's Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) program. This research focused on the use of Ruthenium photoredox catalysis for the intramolecular cyclizations.

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